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ROBERT W. HARRELL, JR.
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

The Honorable Orin Hatch
United States Senate
104 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hatch:

I write today expressing my strong support for a Constitutional amendment to balance the federal budget. As the Speaker of the House of the State of South Carolina I want you to know that if Congress sends a Balanced Budget Amendment to the federal Constitution to us, I will work to ensure that the House votes to ratify the amendment.

It is vital that Congress pass a Balanced Budget Amendment. Quite simply a Balanced Budget Amendment is the only mechanism that will ensure that Congress gets federal spending under control. Without it, America will spend itself into insolvency and will mortgage our children's future. To prevent the grave harm that will come to our nation from a debt crisis and to ensure that Congress spends no more than it takes in, Congress and the state legislatures must act to amend the United States Constitution to require a balanced federal budget.

I urge you to move quickly this year to pass a Balanced Budget Amendment so that I can begin working with my colleagues to secure ratification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robert W. Harrell, Jr.', is written over a light blue circular stamp. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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